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DISTRICT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Operation "Weed and Seed" Initiative.

The District of Columbia's Office of Grants Management and Development (OGMD) has grant funds available through it's Operation Weed and Seed Initiative to assist eligible applicants in supporting and increasing activities of existing summer programs in targeted communities that provide alternatives for delinquent behavior among youth.

OGMD will only consider applications from not-for-profit organizations that service the Marshall Heights/Eastgate neighborhood and/or the Carver Terrance/ Langston Dwellings area. The period for this grant shall be from June 28, 1999 to September 30, 1999.

The Request for Applications (RFA) was released on June 8, 1999 and will be available online at www.dccfo.com no later than June 11, 1999. Submission deadline is 6:00pm, June 21, 1999. Applications may be obtained from 717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. For more information, please call the Office of Grants Management and Development at 202-727-6537.

FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Refugee Individual Development Account Program. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of funds for projects to establish and manage Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) for low-income refugee participants. Eligible applicants include States and private, non-profit organizations. Applicants must also provide documentation of participation of a qualified financial institution(s) in the project.

Approximately \$5 million is available to fund 8 to 12 awards of \$200,000 to \$800,000 each. Deadline is August 9, 1999. For further information contact Henly Portner, 202-401-5363 or check the internet at www.acf/dhhs.gov/programs/orr.

Multimedia Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention Grant. The

Environmental Protection Agency announces the availability of funds for pollution prevention approaches that address environmental justice concerns of minority and low-income communities. Eligible applicants include local nonprofit organizations (including religious and civic organizations), national and regional organizations working in partnership with local groups, state and local governments, and academic institutions. \$750,000 is available to fund up to 10 awards. Deadline is August 12, 1999. For more information, contact Danielle Fuligni at 703-841-0483 or on the internet at www.epa.gov/opptintr/ejp2/.

Technology Translation and Transfer of Effective HIV Behavioral Interventions.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announces the availability of funds for technology translations and transfer of effective HIV prevention behavioral interventions. Public and private nonprofit organizations and governments and their agencies are eligible to apply. \$350,000 is available to fund two awards. Deadline is July 20, 1999. For additional information call 1-888-472-6874 or Robert Kohmescher at 404-639-1914 or see the internet at www.cdc.gov. Program announcement 99089.



South Africa Teacher Training Program.

The United States Information Agency announces the availability of funds to develop and administer a training program for primary school (grades 7 – 9) teachers of math and science in South Africa. U.S. educational institutions and public and private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Up to \$300,000 is available for year one of a potential three-year project period. Deadline is July 9, 1999. For a solicitation package and other information, contact John Cox at 202-619-4556 or email jtcox@usia.gov.

Planning Grants for Regional Humanities

Centers. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announces the availability of funds to plan for the creation of Regional Humanities Centers where American traditions, cultures, and aspirations can be explored in the context of place. The NEH Mid-Atlantic region encompasses Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. All nonprofit institutions located within a respective region are eligible to apply, however collaboration with the state humanities councils and other institutions is key. Up to two awards will be made in each of the ten NEH regions. Up to \$50,000 will be awarded to each recipient, with the grantee expected to share at least 50% of the total project cost. Deadline is July 16, 1999. Notices of intent to apply are requested by July 2, 1999 and may be emailed to challenge@neh.gov. Addresses of the state humanities councils and the complete announcement are available on the internet at www.neh.gov or call 202-606-8309.

Schools for a New Millennium Implementation Grants.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announces a special funding opportunity for educators to refresh their commitment to excellent humanities teaching and learning through intensive professional development activities that incorporate content-rich technological resources into the classroom.

Any U.S. nonprofit, tax-exempt organization or institution is eligible to apply. A total of up to \$200,000 per grantee for up to three years is available. October 1, 1999 is the deadline for projects beginning May 1, 2000. Consultation with NEH staff and submission of draft applications by September 1, 1999 is strongly encouraged. For more information, contact the Division of Education Programs at 202-606-8380 or education@neh.gov. Announcement is posted on the internet at www.neh.gov.

Short-Term Policy Research on Welfare Outcomes (ASPE). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of funds for short-term policy research: secondary analysis of existing data, with no new data collection expected. Private for-profit organizations, public and private nonprofit organizations, including universities and other institutions of higher education, may apply. Approximately \$550,000 is available for 4-7 awards ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. Deadline is July 26, 1999. Applications packets are available from Adrienne Little at 202-690-8794 or on the internet at http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov.

PRIVATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Celebrating Gay Jewish people.

The Shefa Fund, a progressive Jewish foundation in Philadelphia, is seeking grant proposals from across the country for projects that welcome and celebrate the lives of Gay Jewish people. \$40,000 is available for grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000 for initiatives that highlight sensitivity and anti-homophobia training and encourage community awareness of Jewish people and their families. Deadline for applications is June 30, 1999. For more information, contact The Shefa Fund at (215) 247-9704 or email shefafnd@libertynet.org.